

## Chapter 5: The Constitution of the United States

### Syllabus

#### Major Themes:

- The national government under the Articles of Confederation was weak, and political power rested mostly with the states.
- In 1787, delegates to a convention in Philadelphia created a new plan of government, the Constitution of the United States.
- The states debated and then approved the new Constitution, and a Bill of Rights soon was added to protect individual liberties.
- President Washington led the effort to create an effective federal government that would earn the respect of the American people and of other nations.

#### Lessons:

- Experimenting with Confederation
- Articles of Confederation Weaknesses
- The Virginia Statute of Religious freedom
- A Meeting of Minds
- Power Plays
- Ratifying the Constitution
- Views of Two Britons
- The Rise of Political Parties

#### Evaluation:

- Participation
- Quizzes
- Daily Work
- Wiki
- Test